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## **DEANS' FORUM SUMMARY**

**March 18, 2010**

Attending: Ali, Baker, DeFrank, Edick, Gouttierre, Harland (for Pol), Hynes, Keel, Maher, Manley (for Booker), Menke (for Reed), Smith-Howell

### **1. Approval of summary for March 4, 2010 Deans' Forum meeting - approved**

### **2. New/Old Business**

#### **➤ Tech Fee Grants – (Lanyce Keel)**

- \$200,000 to spend on grants
- Will reserve an additional \$100,000 for PeopleSoft - related expenses
- Send feedback to Keel by March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Ali - discussed IST requests - especially the computer programming related to Math/Science Learning Center
- Baker - rank ordered, infrastructure upgrade for Weber Fine Arts most important/priority  
HD radio conversion doesn't have a match but will keep looking

#### **➤ Distance Education (DE) Nonresident Tuition Variance – (Lanyce Keel)**

- All proposed increases (other than \$1) need to meet costs of delivering DE
- Discussion of how dollars allocated on the campus related to OWW

#### **➤ F & A and PKI – (Harmon Maher)**

- F & A model will treat PKI as a college, when PKI Director is sole P.I.
- Conversations: re: PKI and its relationship with UNO are ongoing
- Discussion held re: inviting McGinnis to Deans' Forum to discuss nature of PKI

#### **➤ P-16 Initiative: Discussion of recommendations**

- Reviewed P-16 Initiative handouts; Terry and David C. on task forces
- Recommendations for goals, 5, 6, 7 brought to CAO last week
- Provost requested each CAO to recommend action items to focus on; CAOs bring back to Deans at each campus prior to making recommendations
- Discussion of 120 credit hours for graduation; request feedback on all the recommendations; will impact a lot of issues - e.g. shouldn't have MOUs that allow for more than ½ of the total number of hours required for UNO degree to transfer from community colleges
- Send to Terry- out of each set of recommendations (especially goal 7) top max four recommendations from 7 and 5 & 6
  - Send by Thursday, March 25 - top things you would like to use as UNO recommendations from this list
  - More conversation on April 1 based on recommendations from Deans
- Discussion on partnership nature of MOU's with community colleges
  - Rules determined by the college e.g. Arts & Sciences doesn't take upper division; No college/program should transfer a lower-division community college course as an upper-division UNO equivalent
- Questions about articulation agreements when MCC providing core courses for the major rather than the general education foundation courses
- General question re: relationships in Nebraska between community colleges/universities

➤ **Budget Discussion: Planning for 2010-2011**

- Information from last meeting with scenarios for next year
- For next meeting (April 1) be prepared to discuss where each college expects to find dollars needed to fund faculty salary increase for 2010-2011; also how this fits into the total cuts, including how academic excellence fund will help with reductions
- Complete 4% scenario by early May
- Legislature not expected to ask for additional reductions for 2009-2010
- Will not know tuition increase until June BOR meeting
- Hovering cloud is the \$600 million state budget deficit for 2011-2013 biennium.

➤ **Assistance with enrollments**

- Down in applications and admissions undergraduate, graduate, and international - if we don't maintain enrollments/tuition, we will owe system \$\$; need to keep buffer in Academic Excellence to deal with variances in enrollments/tuition

➤ **Processing of PAFs**

- Have been casual about the deadlines and asking for emergency checks
- HR goal of best practices---ask that you work with chairs/directors and business managers to achieve goal of meeting all campus and system deadlines for processing PAFs.

**3. Just Good Stuff**

- **CAS** – Updated Degree Works and PeopleSoft implementation from College perspective
- **COE** - Roskens to Business Affairs on March 30
- **ITS** - Thanked Eric Manley for PeopleSoft work; ITS at UN Tech day
- **CBA** - Thanks to Lanyce Keel for Distance Education handholding - helping college figure out what to do; Maverick Investment Club - beat Standard and Poors again; thanks to a UNL faculty member in Ag Leadership; Midwest Academy of Management in Omaha in 2011 - CBA help with local arrangements;
- **ORCA** – Associate Vice Chancellor R& CA successor - start date September 15
- **IS&T** – Sanjukta Bhowmick, newest faculty member, received an EPSCOR grant, submitted grant in her first semester; UNO will host 2012 ICCS (International Conference Computing Science)
- **Library** - roll out federated search engine - Research Pro - search across databases; roll out Encore at the end of April;
- **CPACS** - Kathy and Sara maintaining college operations
- **OASA/Graduate Studies** -7 Days of Service; General Education
- **OASA/SVC** - Commended committees for work on General Education and common course evaluation form; pleased with the outcomes of the searches; completed promotion/tenure, heard positive feedback on Deans delivering the news about promotion/tenure in person
- **IS&P** - More than 700 Girl Scouts on campus with over 70 UNO international students representing their countries for World Vision Day; will begin the 20<sup>th</sup> group of individuals going to Afghanistan as cultural advisors - over 275 people have been trained at UNO and then are off to Afghanistan
- **OASA/Dual Enrollment** – Calculus the Musical , Friday, March 19 - in CPACS with over 500 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders attending (they will also tour IST)